



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Native Plant Nursery

LOCATION: Andrew Molera State Park

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Develop a native plant nursery, including a greenhouse and plant holding area to provide native plants for current and future revegetation projects within the Big Sur Sector. The proposed greenhouse is a pre-fabricated structure built by Santa Barbara Greenhouses of clear redwood with thick tempered glass side panels and a double-wall polycarbonate roof. It measures 9 by 16 feet. The plant nursery would also include an area approximately 15 by 35 feet, where plants would be held prior to planting. Water to the site is available via hose from a spigot about 40 feet away. A backflow device or vacuum breaker may be added to watering system, as determined necessary by sector water system supervisor.

The proposed project site is located at Andrew Molera State Park in a clearing between the Andrew Molera Ranch House (which contains the resource office for the park) and a barn used by the Ventana Wilderness Society. Currently deer fencing, a dirt pile, and nursery plants exist in the proposed site; which is a highly disturbed area where no native vegetation occurs. The proposed plant nursery is a temporary and reversible use for this area, pending completion of a General Plan for the park. The greenhouse is bolted together and it sits on a free-floating timber foundation; enabling for easy dismantling and removal.

A CEQA exemption for development of the temporary nursery does not include associated revegetation projects in other areas of the park. All revegetation projects must be reviewed by a DPR-qualified archaeologist for potential archaeological impacts.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 11 *Section:* 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project involves placement of temporary greenhouse which will support activities associated with the Molera Ranch House.

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